

Police and Fire Protection Distributions



Police Protection

There is a total [distribution of \\$30/month per capita](#) for police protection. It is suggested that [backpack funding](#) of the police creates a bond between the police and the community, which eradicates problems in police-community relations. When funding comes from the [Earth Dividend](#) of residents and not

from the sales tax revenue of merchants or the property taxes paid by wealthy residents, officers' priorities will change.

It is suggested that distributions are allocated at [dominion levels](#) 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7. Most funds go to the local police at level 3 (\$24/month per capita). Level 1 can be used for apartment building security or small community gate security. If funds at level 1 are unused, the funds can be pushed up to level 2 – neighborhood patrol. If level 2 is unused, the funds are pushed to the local police at level 3.

Police also receive remuneration from a federation-wide fund filled with a portion of fines, negotiated between victim and offender, under judicial auspices, in exchange for penitentiary time. Funds are distributed to police officers per capita, regardless of the offender's location. There is no direct incentive for misconduct or to target wealthy residents.

The independent judiciary investigates police officer misconduct, and penalties are three times the penalty pursued for the alleged offender. While police officer misconduct will send guilty police officers to the penitentiary, it will not alter charges against the original defendant unless misconduct was related to the planting of evidence.

Since there are no [class I laws](#) concerning possessing anything, planting evidence would involve weapons used in a crime or stolen goods. Police officer misconduct is an artifact of current conditions and is not expected to be a significant problem in a [land-based capitalist](#) economy.

Consider that lousy police-community relations lead to a resident exodus or [allegiance switching](#). This hurts the bottom line.

Level-4 funding corresponds to the county police and level-5 to the state police. Level 7 corresponds to a national police force such as the FBI. The [Federation Military](#) is funded from a different distribution.

Fire Protection

Only \$6/month is allocated to fire protection. However, EMS receives funding from the patient's [self-insured HMO](#). The money is earmarked for dominion levels 2, 3, and 4, with most (\$5/month going) going to level 2.

The allocation assumes a fire station for every 6,800 residents. This will be too many in dense urban areas and too few in rural areas. Firehouse revenue from ground rent is \$34,000/month. There are many other sources of income, including EMS funding from the SIHMOs and other services described below. A firehouse is an ideal mixed-use collective where the Earth Dividend housing and food distributions cover food, rent, and utilities.

Fire engines cost about \$500,000 and last 20 years, and other vehicles cost \$100,000. A two-engine, five-vehicle department will pay \$5,000/month for principal and interest.

Building [fires are rare](#) and expected to be even more so. Unfortunately, climate change slowly increases wildfires and might require increased fire protection funding. Additional revenue sources include [VOS](#) certification on fire safety issues and non-fire-related VOS certification, such as elevator and building safety standards. Teaching trade-related courses at the fire station, sidewalk sale of crafts and baked goods, and first-aid classes are all potential revenue sources.

Levels 3 and 4 coordinate responses to multi-alarm, catastrophic fires and natural disasters.

Rural communities use the same per capita to organize a more ad hoc, lower-paid, or volunteer force. With all necessities covered by the Earth Dividend, high salaries are not that important for those who have the calling to protect and serve.